

THE CHURCH OF GOD EVANGEL

"And when the day of Pentecost was fully come they were all with one accord in one place." Acts 2:1. "And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost and began to speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance." Acts 2:4.

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OUR GOD IS STILL SMILING UPON HIS FAITHFUL CHILDREN

PRAYER

Acts 6:4

S. W. Latimer

Preeminent among the important results of Pentecost, was the new valuation which the disciples placed upon prayer. After those tremendous days which preceded and immediately followed the coming of the Holy Ghost, prayer became, for the disciples, not only a privilege, but a necessity. Prayer was a vital part of their work. To wrestle in prayer was as much a part of faithful stewardship as proclaiming the message.

The Holy Ghost taught those early disciples that there could be no fire to tremble in the breast, nor the Kingdom work be accomplished in any sense, unless they were faithful in their ministry of prayer. It is the same today. The lesson of the early Church needs to be learned today. An old minister was speaking; he had fought many battles for God and with him had won some outstanding victories, but there was one source of sorrow, "as I look back over my life," he said, "I regret that I have not spent more time in prayer. I could have accomplished more if I had only learned the secret of prayer." Another old veteran of the Cross remarked, "If I could live my life over again, there would be only one thing that I would have different. I would not put in more time on preparing sermons, entertaining my friends, or studying plans for my future, but I would give more time to prayer. Here is where I have failed."

This good man was voicing the confession of many. Jesus did not feel that it was His place to explain prayer. He commanded it. He told His disciples to "tarry at Jerusalem;" He told them that all authority was given unto Him. Then prayer was the means by which the disciples were to be indwelt with power. Prayer therefore, became, not only a great privilege, but a trust.

Jesus demonstrated in His daily life this same need of constant communion with the Father. If Jesus needed to spend whole nights in prayer, how perilous is the failure of the disciples to pray! What does it mean to us where Jesus pointed to the field, whitening to the harvest, and commanded, "Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that He send forth laborers into His harvest." Matt. 9:38. How it should drive us to our knees to hear Jesus declare that the great God waits for human intercession before thrusting forth workers into the field.

What a terrible responsibility He places on our faithfulness at the mercy seat, when He declares, "This kind can come forth by nothing but by prayer and fasting." Mark 9:29.

Paul writes, "I exhort therefore, that first of all, supplications, prayers, intercession, * * * be made." When we shall see Christians all over the world resolved to prove what shall be the efficacy for the conversion of the world, I shall begin to think that millennium is at the door. If fifty men of our generation will enter the Holy Place of prayer and become henceforth, men whose hearts God has touched with the prayer passion, the history of the Church will be changed. Prayer is, and always will be, the greatest need of the Church, by far a greater need than money.

The book of Acts furnishes abundance of evidence that prayer was the secret of the success of the early Church. Not only was prayer the blessed communion with their Lord, but it was a necessary part of the work which they were to do in the fulfillment of the great commission. When Peter was in prison, the Church met to pray for him; God wonderfully delivered him; the prison doors were opened; the city gates swung back as he went marching through. Time would fail me to tell the many victories won through travail of the soul.

MY VISIT TO THE BIBLE SCHOOL ROOM

I truly thank God for salvation that keeps us no matter what comes our way. I just can't express my feelings this morning. Oh! there is something deep down in my heart that I can't tell. Praise the Lord, I am feeling good in my soul right now.

As I walked into the Schoolroom this afternoon my heart was overflowing with joy unspeakable. (I'll just tell you right here it put a desire in my heart to want to attend the Bible School). It is a place where one will find God's presence. I was never impressed so greatly about going to the Bible School until this afternoon.

I'll tell you God is with these students in a mighty way as they give out the Word with power. And anyone desiring to attend the school would certainly spend six months of his time worthwhile. I know that God has set His approval on the Bible School, and YOU would say the same thing if you were present one time in the schoolroom.

Above all I want to stay in the center of the Lord's will, and be a soul winner for Him. If He should ever see fit for me to attend the School I pray that He will make the way. We have a Savior who is able to make a way where there is no way seemingly.

I praise the Lord too for His mighty healing power. He has healed my body since I have been in Cleveland, and I honor Him, and give Him the praise for it.—(Miss) Jeanette Martin.

PREPARE FOR HIS COMING

WALHALLA, S. C.—I truly thank God for the little Evangel and the good messages it brings to me. It carried the precious Word of God into homes and places we could not go ourselves. Though God is calling laborers to go into the fields to work. The harvest is ripe and we need to help gather in the golden grain.

The Lord has made it so plain that I must work for Him. My heart is so burdened tonight for the unsaved of this world. The people need Jesus; they need His own precious love. We need to rescue the lost souls. Let us preach this Gospel as never before as souls are sinking into eternity without the love of God in their hearts. We need to have the burden of lost souls on our hearts more.

I know Jesus is coming soon, and we do want every soul saved possible. So many people are going to be lost if we don't do our best to try to win them. I can see so much that needs to be done, so let us be up and doing our Master's will.

We have had a number of the ministers with us during the past year, among the number were, our State Overseer and wife, Brother and Sister W. E. Raney and Brother J. B. Ellis. God spoke through them in their messages and they were enjoyed by all who heard them.

Our pastor, Brother Powell conducted a revival here which continued two weeks, seven were saved, four sanctified and three baptized with the Holy Ghost and two added to the Church.

Just after the meeting the Lord sent Sister Mary Lynch here. She has begun working faithfully visiting the sick.—Your Sister in Christ, Pauline Jackson.

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To stretch my hand and touch Him,
Though He be far away;
To raise my eyes and see Him,
Through darkness as through day;
To lift my voice and call Him—
This is to pray.

THE ASSEMBLY PAST

True Blue Soldiers Will Rally To The Front

F. J. Lee, General Overseer

A few more words about the Assembly. For months the affair was held before the Lord in earnest appeals that He would take complete control of the Assembly, also that He would subdue any contentious spirit that might try to lift his head.

Did the Lord hear and answer prayer? Scores have answered in the affirmative by saying, "I never saw the like, it is marvelous how He took charge from the very first service." The singing was wonderful, the messages were wonderful, the spirit of the meeting was the best, the attendance was the greatest. Many received the Holy Ghost in the night services—twelve in one night, the financial obligations were taken care of bountifully. The people returned to their homes with great faith and high spirits for great things the coming year.

It is said that many left the Assembly on account of having no place to stay and because of lack of room in Assembly building. We are very sorry to hear of this and we sincerely hope that it will never occur again. I am sure the citizens of Cleveland will gladly open their doors to take care of every one who may come, but this time we did not have our sights set high enough therefore we only made preparation for approximately the number that had been attending.

Oh how I wish that God would touch the heart of some one who has the money and cause them to furnish it for the purpose of making more room for the Assembly.

Some say that we will have to narrow down to a delegated body including only the officials. My! I don't feel that I could stand to submit to this. The Lord seems to be too well pleased with the present order of the Assembly for Him to allow a change made like that. Just consider what inspiration the Assembly brings to the entire work each year. I somehow feel that I can realize your mind registering an objection now. Well what are we going to do? I say let us build more to the Auditorium also build camp houses. But oh * * * we will have to crawl before we can walk. We must crawl out from under the great debt that is hanging over us. Can we do it? I say yes, my faith seems to be looming up. It would not surprise me that you lift this entire debt before the next Assembly.

If we see that it is running in that direction at a rapid pace we might begin to figure on stretching our borders and enlarging our camp, but anyway we do not want the interest in attendance to the Assembly to wane in the least. So we are determined to do our best and we feel that

the thousands of loyal Church of God members are going to do the same. Orphanage

We desire that every department of the Church take on new life. Now about the Orphanage work. Please let me insist that every pastor feel that he is a special appointed agent for the Orphanage work. It would be well for each church to realize that you are a special committee, also you should appoint sub-committees in each church. Well just any plan that you can suggest that will bring the means for carrying on this worthy institution.

We have near sixty mouths to feed, you may estimate by what it takes to care for your own family as to how much is needed in each month to care for a large family like this.

We would like to take others, but how can we if the means doesn't come for that purpose? This isn't our Orphanage alone but it is yours as well. Every member of the Church should feel the responsibility of these children. We are soon going to send another supply of banks to the Sunday Schools. This seemed to work very well once and it will do it again, but don't wait for the banks—begin now.

Over The Top

The long drawn out lawsuit is over, we need not worry any more about it but every one should forget the past and look to Jesus the author and finisher of our faith and rally to the front of the battle against sin and Satan. Roll up your sleeves as it were and enter the battle with a firm determination to go over the top for Jesus. Over the top with revivals and salvation of souls. Over the top with financial obligations etc.

Well I don't think I need to beg or plead with true blue, royal blood Church of God saints to rally to this great cause for I feel sure that you are going to do it. Amen.

I LOVE JESUS

ISOLA, Miss.—I am praising God for His great healing power. I am praising Him today for salvation. I thank Him because He looked down on me seven years ago and picked me up out of sin, also gave me the Holy Ghost. I love Jesus this morning because He came into this world, suffered and died for me and for you.

Please pray for the Bethel Church here that it will rise and shine. Pray for my loved ones that we will do God's will and run the race with patience.—Your sister in Christ, Susie Dyson.

CHURCH OF GOD PAYS HER DEBTS

He That Gives To The Lord, Him Will He Pay Again—See Prov. 19:17

F. J. Lee, General Overseer.

Some one at the Assembly suggested that if we would ask the churches to pay one dollar a head on each member he would guarantee \$100.00 from his church which has a membership of 100. Now if every church would do this we will raise over \$25,000.

This should not be hard to do. First the pastor must feel the weight of the thousands of dollars indebtedness hanging over the Church. You should have a special day and start the proposition by asking for large amounts then coming on down to the one dollar proposition.

I am sure that if the pastors can

realize how important it is that each church rallies to the taking care of these general obligations it will not be long till each one sends in its quota.

We have arranged below a cut of stars representing the number of churches. When a church sends its quota we will cut out a star and give the name of the church sending quota. The stars will be removed in a manner that a certain name will appear within the block.

So let us remember that the great drive is now on, and may God's richest blessings rest on your efforts.

DRINKING AT THE FOUNTAIN

JAMAICA, B. W. I.—I want to say that I am drinking at the fountain that never runs dry. The Lord has been so good to me. I do want to live closer to Him and do more for Him in the future than I have in the past. I do want to be ready when the Lord comes or calls for His children.

I am only thirteen years of age, but I feel that the Lord has work for me to do. Please remember me in your prayers.—Daisy Cole.

THE DEVIL WAS DEFEATED

CLEARWATER, Fla.—Greetings to Jesus' dear name. I want to sound a note of praise to our King who giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. We have just closed an eight weeks battle against sin and the devil at Sulphur Springs, Fla. We had a hard pull, but the grace of God was with us and helped us to hold onto His unchanging hand.

During the seventh week of the meeting the devil decided he would have us to move, he tried to bluff us. He even sent officers one day and tried to get us to take our tent down or they were going to prosecute us, so I told them to just go ahead, that when I took our tent down it would be when God said it was enough or the law forced us to do so. So it was taken to court. I have never felt the grace of God so real in my life, truly His grace is sufficient for us. Praise His good name. I have never felt more like preaching than I did during the court trial. It was wonderful how the people stood by us, both saint and sinner. I believe I can truthfully say we had ninety per cent of the public's sentiment. We had more witnesses to go on the stand than we needed. We had Methodist, Baptist and Christian Church members also sinners to stand by us. The Assembly of God people said they were back of us in prayers and money. We had two sinner men to go on our bond if we needed them, but praise God we did not lose. It was a mis-trial, and the devil was beaten so badly.

We had larger crowds after this. In this meeting there were between thirty and forty saved, quite a number sanctified and about sixteen received the Holy Ghost, and lots of folks looking this way. Beloved we have come to the place when we must stand for the rights or the devil will close down every service and not allow us to even pray in our homes. We had better go to jail until God delivers us if He has to do it like He delivered Paul and Silas rather than give any place to the devil. Our God is able to deliver us. Beloved please remember the work at Sulphur Springs that God will work in a mighty way.—Mrs. Lula L. Jones.

DETERMINED TO GO ALL THE WAY

NASSAU, B. W. I.—Dear saints: Praise the dear Lord I am still saved and determined to go all the way with Jesus.

I request a special prayer for my niece who is ill for the healing of her body. Also pray that she may be sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost.—Martha E. Frith.

God Heard My Prayer

LARKINSVILLE, Ala.—I truly want to praise the Lord for healing my baby. I promised Him if He would heal it I would testify to it through the Evangel.

I can report that I am saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost. I trust the Lord for both soul and body. This is a sweet way to me.

I want all of God's children to remember me in your prayers.—Mrs. Emma Wilkins.

GOOD REVIVALS IN WESTERN N. CAROLINA

About August 20th, 1927, Brother Llewellyn, O. J. Lawson, J. W. Sellers and families from Cleveland, Tenn., came to Shooting Creek, N. C., and opened fire on the enemy of righteousness, in a weeks revival, which was one of the most successful meetings ever held at this particular place, in such a short period of time. Brother Llewellyn did most of the preaching, usually followed by a zealous exhortation by Brother Lawson, all of which was effective, persuasive and enjoyable to all those who loved the Truth. In this meeting about ten received the baptism of the Holy Ghost, most of whom have since been baptized and united with the Church of God.

Brother Blackwood, State Overseer came to this same place in October and conducted a two weeks meeting which was just as successful as the first named. About ten or twelve received the baptism of the Holy Ghost.

Brother Garrett and wife of Lenoir City, Tenn., and Brother S. L. Cantrell, of Crandall, Ga., visited and conducted a few days meeting at Tusquitee in August and October respectively. In the first meeting by Brother Garrett, about twelve or fifteen of the Sunday School children received the baptism of the Holy Ghost and when Brother Cantrell came in October some eight or ten more received the baptism. Most all of these united with the Church of God and we now have a lively bunch of young saints at Tusquitee.

With all of Satan's onslaughts the Lord has given plenty of grace and victory in this part of North Carolina and we have, by His help, been able to keep fellowship and unity prevailing and have thereby avoided divisions, etc.

With a population of 4646 for Clay County we have 135 Church of God members with other good people looking this way.—Glover P. Ledford.

This Way Suits Me

OMAR, W. Va.—Dear Evangel readers, I want to sound a note of praise through the Evangel for what the Lord has done for me. He saved, sanctified and filled me with the Holy Ghost. This way just suits me, because it is a clean way.

The Lord called me to preach, and I have been telling people about Jesus for five years. I have had many hard battles to fight, but the good Lord always helps me. Praise His name. I desire an interest in your prayers.—Curtis Hughes.

We Trust The Lord For Both Soul and Body

PLEASANT HILL, Tenn.—I want to say I can report victory in my soul right now. I am saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost. I feel like traveling on. I love this good old way. It just suits me. I am glad that I turned my back on the world and all its pleasures.

The Lord heals in our home. He healed my little girl when it looked as if she would die. We trusted the Lord for her healing. I promised Him if He would heal her I would honor Him and tell of His wonderful healing power. She was not healed instantly, but we held on to God with prayer and fasting, and when the handkerchief came from the prayer room at Cleveland, Tenn. we put it on her in the name of Jesus, and she soon began to get better, and is well now. Praise His dear name. We have a wonderful God, one who is able to do all things. Pray for me.—Mrs. Laura Bryant.

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We invite all the workers to send us reports of interest from the battlefield. If nothing else, a postal card telling where you are this week.

Help to make the Evangel a medium of information as well as a spiritual blessing.

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Religion is not hostile to learn. Christianity has been the greatest patronage learning has ever had.

The Bible students gave a splendid program Friday afternoon. Some wonderful messages were given by the students.

Work while it is day for the night cometh when no man can work. We wish to be rewarded with life and joy at His coming, therefore we must work for the Master in order to receive wages, and if we wait till night no man can labor then. Therefore it behooves us to keep busy while we may labor.

THE ECHO

You always know what an echo will do;
Whatever you say, it sends back to you;
If you speak gently with voice low and sweet
The echo your words and tone will repeat.

If your words are cross and your voice is shrill,
The answering voice sounds crosser still;
Send a pleasant call with might and main,
You will hear a happy shout again.

When we are happy and cherry and bright
The world around us is sure to go right,
We must be careful of voice and of word,
For they come back—as life's echo is heard.

—Leaves of Light.

We are now in position to fill all orders for the following: BIBLE CASES, PORT FOLIOS and LADIES' HANDBAGS, which can be furnished in colors, black, brown or mahogany. Please send us your order, you will find our prices reasonable, remembering that every penny of profit derived from your trade goes to defray the expenses of the great Cause we all love so well, while on the other hand, if you favor some other firm with your orders there are no tithes coming back into the treasury of the Lord, but instead goes to help support other institutions.

Then, so long as the Church of God can fill your requirements, why not spend your money where it will help advance the Cause of God. Give us the desired size, style and color and I am sure we can make you a price that cannot be duplicated elsewhere. We have our Brother A. A. Carpenter here working on articles of this kind, so if you will state style, color and dimensions we feel sure he will be able to fill your requirements with regard to same.

GOD CAN HEAL

ALTOONA, Ala.—Dear Evangel readers: I promised God if He would heal me I would testify to it. The Lord healed me nine years ago of T. B. and pellagra, also healed my husband the same year of flu. It pays to trust the Lord for the healing of our bodies. We know there is nothing impossible for Him to do.

We have a strong band of saints here. We have a good Sunday School. I do want to be found right where the Lord wants me. I desire your prayers that I will be stronger and that God will save our children before it is too late.—Your sister under the blood, Mrs. Ida Staton.

NOTICES :: SPECIALS

I am ready to enter the Evangelist work. Anyone desiring my help for a meeting, write me at once.—Logan White, Clayton, Georgia.

I would be glad to know the address of Brother and Sister G. G. Williams who were at Red Bay, Ala. last year.—Frank Jernigan, Route 5, Ripley, Tennessee.

To the Churches and Ministers in Alabama:

Please write me at once at Boaz, Alabama giving the name of your church, location and number of members, also state who you want for your pastor another year.

To the ministers who have not been provided for, write me where you want to work. Alabama is a new field for me and you can help me a great deal by doing this. I want to do my best for all.—Your brother, S. J. Heath, State Overseer.

I am going to evangelize another year. Anyone wanting my service, write me at Route No. 2, Bankston, Alabama.

NOTICE TO STATE OVERSEERS

We shall be glad if each State Overseer will notify us at once what his permanent address will be, in order that we may know where to address any communications and that it may appear in the Evangel for the benefit of the people in general.

Church of God General Sec'y and Treas.

To the Ministers, Clerks and Churches in the State of Oklahoma:

Our 22d Annual Assembly of the Church of God came to a close with the greatest success, victory and the brightest prospects for the future that we have ever had, for which we thank the Lord.

After being appointed as overseer of this state, we came straight on with haste and are now located at Lawton, Oklahoma.

Someone here said that it seemed to them that all the work done in Oklahoma by the Church of God in the past was only done in a temporary way (due to the litigation). Now we admit there have been some discouraging things which we could not avoid, but now the clouds have been cleared away; the lawsuit is permanently settled and that in favor of the Church of God, and now we are here to get the temporary things made permanent.

Surely the greatest opportunities of doing good; of building up the Church of God and getting ready for the coming of Jesus is just ahead. The highway is clear, no more detours, so come on now and let us speed up. Let's reach the city before dark; let's get the Church of God established in Oklahoma to stand until Jesus comes.

I want to get in touch with the ministers and churches at the earliest possible date, and will be around to see you in a few days.

To those who have failed to keep in line with the Church of God, I mean, those who thought they were right when they followed some strange faction. The latch string is hanging on the outside. We want you to come back to the Church of God. If anyone wants a revival or wants to know about the Church of God or any service that we can give you, let us know.—B. L. Hicks, State Overseer.

Owing to the rush in getting the Minutes ready for the press, we have been unable to answer your letters as promptly as we should like to have, however, the Minutes are now ready to be set up and our attention will be given entirely to correspondence.

Church of God General Sec'y and Treas.

Brother L. L. Turner, Route No. 5, Box 44, Dayton, Tennessee states that he is ready to enter the Evangelistic work and will consider calls from anywhere.

NOTICE TO CHURCH CLERKS

The Assembly ruled that each church clerk be entitled to a Minute of the 22d Annual Assembly free of charge, same to be used for the benefit of the Church.

When writing in for your Minute be sure to state for what church you are clerk. For example: "Please send one Assembly Minute to J. D. Brown, Clerk of Huntington church, Huntington, Mississippi."

Remember that when a new clerk is appointed, the Minute is to be handed to the new clerk.
F. J. Lee, General Overseer.

CONCERNING THE RENEWING OF LICENSE

To those holding Evangelist's Cer-

tificates we advise the following:

1st.—Please do not send your certificates in for renewal until after the first of December.

2d.—Be sure to give your address plainly on back side of old certificate, so that we may know where to forward the new ones.

3d.—Also state on the back side of your old certificate whether or not you expect to pastor the coming year.

4th.—Remember that after you send them to headquarters for renewal, we issue same and send to the Overseer of the State in which your membership is for his signature. He, then in turn will forward same to your address.

The above applies only to male and female Evangelists. Bishops, Deacons nor Exhorters' license are not to be renewed.

F. J. Lee, General Overseer.

A MESSAGE TO THE CHURCHES IN VIRGINIA

(A Hint to Other States as Well)

As I have been appointed for your State Overseer for another year, I desire all ministers who have not been placed, and all churches that have not been supplied with pastors to let me hear from you at once, letting your wants be known and I will assure you that I will do the best I can for you.

We may need a pastor or two from another state who will work on a hard job for small pay. If anyone is interested, write me.

I have decided to not pastor any church this year as I have heretofore, but give my time on the field, therefore I will be able to conduct some revivals, so if any of the churches want me to hold revivals for you this winter, write me in regard to same at an early date.

I have not been depending altogether on the State for a support. The church at Marion has been doing a good part by me, but that good part now stops, therefore I will depend upon the state this year, that is, the percent of the tithes and free will offerings from the churches where I am laboring.

Some of the churches have been very loyal to me ever since I have been in the State and I wish to express my appreciation to you also a few others have recently begun their loyalty by sending their amount each month.

We want to make this the best year we have ever had, but we will have to hustle if we beat last year. We added more than one fourth to our membership and almost doubled our number of ministers.

The last week before the Assembly we succeeded in organizing three new churches. Brother Niswander set one in order at Roanoke and we took one over at Clinchfield with thirty-three members including the pastor, Brother H. O. Kirk, who had come over with us a few weeks before and Brother Shaffer of Marion assisted by some of the faithful saints of Marion church, also Brother E. J. Hanks a part of the time had been laboring at Troutdale about two months, so on Friday night before we started to the Assembly we set the Church in order with eleven members with others to follow.

Some of our ministers have not been reporting or even paying their tithes. My brethren, this ought not to be. We are to be examples and the Assembly passed a ruling that the Assembly that all ministers will have to pay their tithes to hold their license. This rule will be enforced in Virginia. All of our ministers believe in the doctrine but I suppose have not felt able to do, but the ministers who will not pay tithes in Virginia will not be paid tithes from those who do, and you know it would not be right.

I want to insist that every minister and clerk make their report each month, and I want to insist that every pastor will see that the clerk is reporting and if the present clerk is not reporting, appoint another that will, or let me know about it and when I go to your church I will do so. We want every church in the state to be loyal. If you do not have anything to report, send a blank with your name signed to it.

I do not know where I will be located yet, but any one writing me may address me at Marion, Virginia % E. E. Bates and he will see that I get the letter.—Jno. C. Jernigan, Overseer of Va.

REQUEST

Mrs. Esther Johnson, Odum, Ga., requests the saints to pray that the Lord will send someone to hold a revival at Priestler, near Redland, Ga. She feels that much good can be accomplished.

God Knows Just what We Can Stand

McCAMEY, Texas.—After having read of the Texas Camp Meeting at Weatherford, God has wonderfully filled my soul. While I was deprived of going to the meeting it put the joy bells ringing in my soul just to know how God blessed and I praise God for the goodness of these testimonies to me.

I want to tell what God has done for McCamey. Brother M. E. Drake, Brother Ball, other saints and I came here in May and pitched a battle against the devil. We fought about two months against principalities and powers of darkness. Brother Drake finally set a church in order with just enough members to organize. Though only a few were filled with the Holy Ghost, God most wonderfully blessed us with a building. We started a building which cost \$600.00 and when we made our payment, we only lacked \$50.00 having it paid for. It seemed that everybody was willing to help us. We give God all the glory.

The meeting continued until Brother Drake left us for the Camp Meeting, taking the good music, singing and nearly all the saints. Wife and I have gone to church with not a soul to preach to. Still I was not discouraged. The devil knows just where to head in. He tried to starve us out and would not let me keep a job. He afflicted one of my children. A friend advised us that she could not possibly live, but I finally got hold of God and He wonderfully healed her. We finally got enough money to leave on and we loaded up and started. I was leaving with a determination to drive the devil out of the lives of men and women so I asked God to direct me.

I went by to see a business man whom I owed a few dollars, and he asked me if I would stay a few days and do some work for him. I went to work and that same day about two hours later, God sent a man, not only to help do this work, but to pray, sing, testify and preach. Now I don't know how to tell how God has blessed, but He is certainly working here. People are being healed by His mighty power, four were saved in a little cottage meeting. The altar has almost been full of seekers. We now have a piano and the Sunday School is growing. I am praising God that we were counted worthy to suffer just a little for His name. I am praising God for a Savior that knows just what we need, a Savior who knows just what we can stand, a Savior who never fails to come to our rescue. Bless His name.

I earnestly request the prayers of all the saints that wife and I will continue to hold out faithful and that God will help us to lift up the standard that people might see that the Church of God stands above everything in this world. We are both young in the way, but I know God is able to keep that which is committed into His hands. Pray that God will work out a work for His glory at this place.—O. K. Fennell.

Tis Sweet to Trust In Jesus

BERMUDA ISLAND.—I want to sound a note of praise through the Evangel for my Christ and am more determined to go all the way with the Lord than ever before.

About three months ago the enemy came to me like a flood, but the Lord raised up a standard against Him as He said He would do. Thank God for the rock higher than I. I want to do all that I can for the lost and dying world. I mean to trust the Lord regardless of what the cost might be. We know the Lord is always near and ready to help us.

I truly thank Him for the saints of Bermuda and for their prayers and charity toward me. We are having a few weeks revival here. Pray much for us that God will bless His work here and manifest Himself to these people. It is true that the people of Bermuda are very hard to touch, but our God is able to break every fetter and set the captives free. I want to pray more and live humble at the feet of Jesus. Your sister in Christ, Mrs. D. Smith.

GOD IS HELPING US

CHERRY VALLEY, Ark.—I am praising God for victory this morning over all evil. I praise God for a salvation that keeps me saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost. I can feel His presence daily abiding within.

We have been without a pastor here, but recently we had an eight days meeting and were revived and encouraged to press the battle until the end. Six were saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost. We truly thank God for this wonderful meeting. I praise Him too for His healing power.

I am glad of this good way and mean to walk therein and be with Jesus. I covet the prayers of the dear saints that I may stay in the center of the Lord's will.—Minnie D. House,

God Will Not Withhold Any Good Thing From Us

FORREST CITY, Ark.—I am praising God this evening for salvation. Bless His holy name. He is so precious to me. He wonderfully saved, sanctified and filled me with the Holy Ghost. He is my healer and keeper. When I accepted this Savior I was almost past going at times with lung trouble.

When I realized the Lord was able to heal all manner of diseases, I began to trust Him for the healing of my body. The doctors had failed. Praise God He touched my body, and if He had not I don't believe I would have been living today. He has healed us many times. The Lord has healed in our home, and I give Him all the honor and glory for it. If we will walk uprightly before Him and keep His commandments He will not withhold any good thing from us.

God wonderfully blessed in a meeting here. Six received the Holy Ghost, several reclaimed and five baptized in water. Please remember us here in your prayers.—Mrs. Ida Walker, Route 2.

BY HIS STRIPES WE ARE HEALED

CORTEZ, Fla.—The Lord has been good to me. He is our best friend if we will let Him be. He commanded us to walk in the light as He is in the light.

We should have fellowship one with another. And if we walk in the light, He commands us to pay tithes. I have been paying tithes for some time. I told the Lord I had been paying tithes, and I wanted Him to heal me.

I thank the Lord for His power is not limited, because I am healed right now. If we draw nigh to God He will draw nigh to us.

All who read this please pray that God will get glory out of my life.—Yours in Christ, A. F. Taylor.

LEGO, W. Va.—Brethren and Sisters: I feel led this afternoon to send my testimony to the Evangel, the paper which I love so well.

I am praising the Lord because one day He saved, sanctified and filled me with the Holy Ghost. I praise Him because He still abides at this present time.

I also praise the Lord for His great healing power for I know He has healed me many times. For several years I was unable to lie on my left side because of heart trouble. While we were at the Kentucky State Camp Meeting in August, Brother Fore and others prayed for me and now I can lie on my left side as well as on the other. I give the Lord all the praise. I want all who read this to pray that God will heal my side, for I have had something like appendicitis for about six years, suffering intense pain often.—Mrs. Bun E. Hicks.

JESUS IS A FRIEND INDEED

ALPHARETTA, Ga.—Dear saints, greetings in Jesus' name: I am glad that today still finds me saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost. I am so glad that I ever found this good way, it is sweet to me. I have found that Jesus is a friend indeed. I am so glad that I am willing to trust Him for both soul and body. He has healed me many times. My health is not very good now, but I know God is able to heal my body completely.

Oh! I do want to do something for the Lord the one who has done so much for me. I want to hold up the blood stained banner for Jesus. He died on the cross of Calvary that we might be saved from our sins.

Please remember me in your prayers that I may do God's will at all times.—Mrs. M. A. Corder.

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The addresses of the above will appear in this paper as soon as we are furnished with same.

STRIVING TO BE WITH JESUS

PHEBA, Miss.—Dear saints: Greetings this evening in Jesus' dear name. About eight years ago the Lord healed and saved me, just a little later He sanctified me. Then I asked God to save my family. My husband was a very wicked man, but honest and good hearted. I promised the Lord if He would save him I would do anything for Him. Before I was saved I tried to please my husband, but after being saved I could not please him. Though I kept holding on to God until he was seized with conviction. Finally he surrendered, and the Lord called him out to preach the Word.

Thank God I can feel His presence with me now. I am striving to be with Jesus some day. We have troubles and trials here on this earth, but some day we will reign with Him in that heavenly mansion. We suffer many trials and persecutions here on this earth, but it is worth it if we live true to God.

Dear ones let us go on with the Lord and stay in the center of His will at all times, and be ready to go at any time.—Mrs. C. G. Edwards.

NOTICE

I desire to call the attention of the churches of their obligation to their state overseer. Remember that he is a general pastor and feels the responsibility of the entire work of the state as much so as the pastor is responsible for his church.

You should no more neglect your state overseer than neglect your pastor. The present plans for supporting the state overseer is a ruling of the Assembly and should be strictly adhered to.

The treasurer of each church should see to it that the state overseer gets his portion. Each pastor has the oversight of his church, therefore he should look after this obligation of the Church, and see that the state overseer gets the amount due him.

If every one will fall in line this coming year you will see your church work pick up, the entire affair will be a success.

GOD IS ABLE TO DO ALL THINGS

BLACKSBURG, S. C.—Dear Evangel readers, I want to praise the dear Lord for what He has done for me. I can say I am saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost, and a member of the Church of God. I am trusting God for the healing of my body. My wife had the flu and I promised the Lord if He would heal her I would praise Him through the Evangel. I called for the elders of the Church and we anointed her with oil in the name of the Lord and she was healed instantly, for which we praise Him. My baby was also healed.

I ask an interest in your prayers.—Ben Sprouse.

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Bible School Making Rapid Strides Toward Success

No doubt there are several hungry hearts eagerly watching the columns of the Evangel, anxiously waiting to hear from the Bible students. After the close of last term, I had the privilege of traveling with the Chessier Band in Florida. We were in several wonderful meetings this past summer. The Lord was with us in every undertaking. He fought our battles and made the hard places easy, so that we were able to come out on victory side. Six months have quickly flown by and we are again back in Bible School, for which we praise the Lord.

We, the students, are very glad to report that the school isn't dead, as some might think. No! A thousand miles from being dead, but it is making rapid strides toward success. This is only the second week of school and we have fifty-three present and are expecting several more soon. Of this number, there are only sixteen of us who have attended previous terms. So you can see we have several new students. We are very glad to have them with us. I don't believe I've ever seen a band of new students get right into the lessons just as these have this term, especially in the Bible discussions. The Lord is here in a special way.

I know that there are many girls and boys who are anxious to be in this school, but for some reason they are hindered. I wish that all parents would wake up to the fact that their girls and boys need to know the Word of God. David, in one Psalm said, "Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee." If such a great man as David needed to know the Bible in order to keep from going wrong, how much more do we need to know it in these last days, when the devil is being transformed into an angel of light to deceive the very elect. It is high time that we as children of light, be able to give the devil "thus saith the Lord," and claim the victory in Jesus' name.

If you send your daughter here, you need not worry about her, for she will be well cared for. One thing, she will not be in bad company for that is strictly forbidden.

As I look over the schoolroom and see many seats that were occupied by former students, it causes me to wonder where they are and why they are not with us this time. We regret very much that our former literary teacher, Sister Moore, couldn't be with us this term. We, the students, also the teachers, send to her and to others, a cordial invitation to visit the school. We would like to have many more students come and join our happy band, where we sing and pray, laugh and shout, but never put—One who loves the Cause of Christ, your sister, Annie Lee Walker.

His Truth Is Our Shield And Buckler

Dear Evangel readers: I want to sound a note of praise this morning to my Savior who so wonderfully saved me from sin, sanctified me by His blood and baptized me with the precious Holy Ghost. I am not discouraged, but encouraged to press on and do more for the Lord.

I truly thank the Lord for the opportunity and privilege of attending the Bible Training School. It is wonderful how the Lord blesses us. We are bound together by the cord of fellowship and unity, and the love of God flows from heart to heart.

It means much to serve the Lord, but He said, "I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee." I am standing on that promise. Psa. 91:4 reads: "He will cover thee with His feathers, and under His wings shalt thou trust: His truth shall be thy shield and buckler." Why should we fear when we have 32,000 promises (feathers) to shield us?

We must be up and about our Father's business, for the end of time is drawing near and there are precious souls who are unsaved and who want to learn about the saving grace of Jesus Christ. Pray for me that I may stay humble and be in the center of the Lord's will where He can use me for His glory and honor at all times.—Your sister in Christ, Elta Williams.

I Love The School

Dear Evangel readers: I am praising my blessed Lord and Savior for the full and free salvation which He purchased on the cross of Calvary for me. It is mine because I have repented of my sins, been forgiven and have accepted the gift which Jesus bought for me. I have peace, joy and contentment in my soul just now.

Furthermore, I have a well body which the Lord gave me in July 1926 in the place of a bundle of worn out nerves which caused stomach trouble and melancholy disturbances mentally. I praise God for the sickness which I suffered, for it was God's way of drawing me closer to Himself and of showing others, who knew my condition, what He can and will do for anyone who will seek Him with a whole heart.

At the present time, I am grateful to God for leading me here to the Bible School. Before I came, I asked the Lord, who doeth all things well, to direct in regard to my room mates and I feel I must express my gratitude to Him for answering that prayer. I love the school. It is the place my heart has yearned for for years. It is the first school I have ever attended where prayer was a required subject on the daily curriculum. I believe every student looks to that as his primary source of help in his preparation for God's service.

I feel that this testimony would be incomplete, if I should fail to praise the Lord for the prayers of the saints in Baldwin Park, Calif. I am happy for that, knowing from past experience, that God hears and answers their prayers. I ask all praying people to remember me as one who desires to spend the rest of my life in the field or service for the Master.—Anita Faye Cree.

Prayer Changes Things

Well thank the good Lord! I am rejoicing to be in the great Bible School at last. I am already persuaded to believe that it is good to be here. The blessed Lord comes down and blesses us with a heavenly atmosphere such as I have never witnessed elsewhere. We pray much in school, and as we are all aware, prayer changes things.

Our teachers, Brother Payne and Brother Walker, are very kind and patient and they are certainly being directed by the one great Teacher who is above.

My advice to young people, don't let the devil cheat you out of a stay at the Bible School. It seemed at one time that I would have to miss this term of school, but the Lord touched the hearts of the good young people of the P. A. S. T. Society and the cloud of impossibility rolled away and I am in school. Young people, would you like to know that you can bring to pass that which looks impossible? Write for information regarding the young people's P. A. S. T. Society. Address S. F. Beard, box 2511, Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.

I ask an interest in all your prayers that I might receive the Holy Ghost and fire that I might let the light of God shine wherever I might go.—A student, Daniel J. Cupp, Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.

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THE LORD IS ABLE TO KEEP US

PARRISH, Fla.—Dear Evangel readers, I praise God this afternoon for Jesus and His wonderful love to me. Today finds me saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost. I praise the Lord for His great healing power. It has been twelve years since I have taken any medicine. A number of folks testify and say they have faith to trust the Lord, but when the tests come they fail. God is able to heal any kind of disease. If we will just trust Him He will heal us.

I truly thank God for the Church of God and for its teaching. The way gets sweeter each and every day of my life. I see nothing to turn back to. I have been in this way something like three years. Some say this is a hard way for the young folks, but if they will purpose in their hearts to go thru the Lord will stand by them. I am only a young girl twenty years old. I would not give up my salvation for the whole world. We cannot hold the Lord in one hand and the world in the other. We never will have any victory if we do.

I ask a special interest in your prayers that I will stand true and never bring a reproach on the Church of God.—Your sister in Christ, Hollie Turner.

HAD SERVICES IN SPIRIT OF ENEMY

COLEMAN, Fla.—I want to praise God for being saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost. Some time ago, two sisters, Mary Douglas and Christena, came to Coleman and began a meeting. They stayed for about two months. The writer assisted some. There were a few saved and about five or six received the Holy Ghost.

Brother Sapp and his co-workers came over and opened fire on the devil in the M. E. church. The Lord helped him in giving out the Word. Saturday night while he was preaching, one of the bishops of that church came and put us out, but we went away praising God. We had service anyway and the Lord surely did bless. About thirty-six were saved, thirty-five sanctified, twenty received the Holy Ghost, eleven followed the Lord in water baptism, the church was set in order with eleven members and I'll tell you they are surely on fire for God.

This was the best meeting I ever attended. We had to close it on account of Brother Sapp going to the General Assembly at Cleveland, Tenn. but the Lord is yet working in Coleman. I ran the meeting one week after Brother Sapp left. One received the Holy Ghost that week. I ask all who read this to pray for Coleman that the Lord will help us. We haven't any church building but we have a nice tent. Pray that God's will will be done.—Ivory James.

Salvation Makes Us Happy, Glad and Free

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla.—I am praising God this morning for a full and free salvation which makes me happy, glad and free. I have joy and peace deep down in my soul. We can praise God anywhere we are.

We are very desirous to see people fall under the mighty power of God and be saved. We are trying to win souls for Him. Please help us pray that the mighty power of God will be manifested in such a way that people will accept this great truth.—S. R. Williams, North Wood Sta.

WE MUST SET THE EXAMPLE

BAUXITE, Ark.—I want to praise God this morning for a full and free deliverance from Egyptian's bondage. Praise the Lord. Three years ago the dear Lord wonderfully saved, sanctified and filled me with the Holy Ghost, according to Acts 2:4. Later He saved my husband and gave him the baptism.

Oh! dear ones we should be careful how we live before our children. We must set the example before them, and train them in the way they should go, so when they are old they will not depart from the right way. It grieves my heart to hear parents use the Lord's name in vain before their children. Listen dear mothers and fathers we will have to give account for every idle word spoken in this life.

I thank and praise God because He counted me worthy to be one of His. We should take Jesus as our pattern.

The Lord has blessed us here by giving us a church building and parsonage. Brother Burford is our pastor and he is a wonderful man of God. Do pray for my unsaved loved ones that they may be saved before it is too late.—Mrs. Annie May Grant.

OBITUARIES

HAYNES

The death angel visited the home of Patten Haynes on Oct. 7, 1927 and took his loving wife, Minnie Haynes of Cawood, Ky. She was a member of the Church of God eight years and has always been faithful. She was always at her place at the organ in the Church and Sunday School. She was loved by all who knew her.

She leaves to mourn her death a husband, one son, mother, five sisters, three brothers and a host of friends. The funeral service was conducted by Brother Kim Moses and the remains laid to rest in the Farmer Cemetery near Harlan, Ky.—Mrs. Cassie Hammons.

My sister is waiting for me above, Where sorrow can never more come, And I shall soon see her dear smile of love In that beautiful heavenly home.

She's waiting for me in Heaven, I know, and calling me now to come; How sweet it will be when called To go to live with sister at home.

ROBERSON

My dear brother, Hermon Roberson departed this life to be with Jesus after an illness of about three months. He was saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost during his illness. His suffering was so great that he would often pray for the Lord to take him home. And often amid the agony he would say, "Lord I am willing for your will to be done." He would call for us to pray and would praise the Lord and talk in tongues. He often warned the people not to wait until the last to give their hearts to God. He told them they would have to have the Holy Ghost to get to Heaven.

All was done that loving hands could do, but God in His great wisdom, saw best to call him from this world of sorrow and suffering to a land of rest. He left us June 16, 1927 and was twenty-seven years of age. He leaves a wife, three children, a mother, four sisters, one brother and a host of friends to mourn his death.

Mother dear, I soon must leave you, For the end is drawing near, But beyond the river, mother, There will be no burdens there.

No more suffering there, dear mother, In that land of peace and rest; And it's just across the river, I will sing, sweet home at last.

Come and take me now, dear Jesus, For I am ready now to go, For the blood from Calvary's mountain Washes me as white as snow.

Yes, I know I am ready, sister, For the Spirit speaks within, That my sins have been forgiven, And I am cleansed from every sin.

You will follow soon, dear mother, For your days are just a few, Won't you meet me yonder, mother, When you bid this world adieu?

And you too, my precious brother, You'll be coming soon I know, For you know the way to Heaven; You have seen it long ago.

And to you, dear companion And my little children too, Now I cannot stay any longer, I must bid you all adieu.

You have been so faithful Ruby, All these years, both day and night, Your reward is waiting yonder In that land of pure delight.

One by one you all must follow, You must go the narrow way; For no sin can enter Heaven, In that land of perfect day.

Will the circle be unbroken When we gather around the throne, There to live with Christ forever When the tolls of life are o'er?—His sister, Effie Dupree.

CHAMPIMONT

On July 2, 1927 the death angel visited the home of Mr. Teddie Champimont and claimed his darling wife, Sister Georgia Champimont age forty-nine years, and took her home to be with Jesus and the angels in Heaven.

Sister Champimont belonged to the Church of God and was loved by many. She leaves to mourn her death a husband, four daughters, three sons, other relatives and a host of friends. She is gone but not forgotten. Funeral services were held by Brother Goar and her body laid to rest in the Highland Cemetery near Lawton to await the coming of Jesus.

Sister Champimont's death was caused by an operation. She said she was ready to go so we weep not as those who have no hope. We expect some day to meet her where parting will be no more and no more good-byes to be said; where all will be joy, peace and happiness. We will rest with Jesus evermore.—A friend, Lucy Kephart.

POPE

Maud C. Pope was born March 5, 1891 and died Oct. 4, 1927 at the age of thirty-six years and seven months. She gave her heart to God several years ago, was sanctified two years ago at the home of the writer in a cottage meeting and was baptized with the Holy Ghost in Sept. 1927. She united with the Church of God at Pleasant Hill Church in a tent meeting the same year.

She had been in poor health for several years, but after the death of her two sons, one who died two years ago and little Carl who died eleven months before her death, she grew worse rapidly.

She leaves to mourn her loss a husband, one little son, a mother, five brothers, four sisters and a host of friends. She suffered with asthma for years which ran into T. B. She could not lie down, sleep nor rest for months, but we know she is resting with Jesus now.

We can only say to the sorrowing family, look up for Jesus knows best. We would not call her back, but we can meet her if we live right. God took her home to dwell with Him where there is no sorrow, sickness nor death.

Brother O. C. Suddley of Brighton preached the funeral and she was laid to rest close to her two small sons in Clear Creek Cemetery to await the resurrection morn.

Sleep on dear sister, Sleep and take your rest; For God called you home and we know That He knows best.—One who loved her as an own child, Mrs. W. H. Ramsey.

JONES

On Oct. 14, 1927 the death angel made his entrance into the home of Mrs. L. M. Spillman and claimed her dear father, Samuel Jones. He was eighty-three years old. He was not a member of the Church of God but loved the Church and helped it financially. Of late years, he attended most of all the meetings of the Church of God.

The funeral services were held at his daughter's 2:00 p. m. Sunday Oct. 16th by Brother A. S. Eason. Mr. Jones came to Lawton to make his home with his daughter in 1917 and has made many friends who sympathize with the family in his death. His life's work has been completely finished and his body is slumbering in the sod. He'll be missed by all his friends. We hope many friends will remember the sons, daughters and grandchildren to pray for them.—W. H. Kephart.

Glad To Report Victory Over The Devil

DILLON, S. C.—I just want to sound a note of praise through the Evangel. I am glad to report victory over the devil this evening. I want to say I am feeling good in my soul.

We have just closed a meeting at Dillon, four were saved, and two sanctified. I ask the prayers of the saints that the Lord will work here in a mighty way. We were proud to have Brother Harry Whittington from Chattanooga with us during the meeting. Please remember us in your prayers.—J. H. Daniels.

I Love the Church Of God

MINE LA MOTTE, Mo.—I love the Church of God and its teachings. I am glad I am a member. We read in Solomon 6:10, "Who is she that looketh forth as the morning, fair as the moon, clear as the sun, and terrible as an army with banners?" Of course it is the Church of God, the bride, the lamb's wife, and she looked forth as the morning, the morning looks forth to the brightness of the day when the sun shines forth and cheers everything with its brightness and warmth. So the Church looketh forth for the sun of righteousness to arise to clear away this mist, the flesh that we may see clearly and know as we are known.

When the Lord shall come for His bride, we must be fair as the moon which looks like a ball of pure gold. We know the Lord's people are a tried and true people. We have to bear the tests, trials and temptations here on this earth, so let us be true and pray for more grace. He said His grace is sufficient. We have to hate sin in all its forms, and anything that is not pleasing to God.

I want to say that I truly love the Lord and His Church. I love to pay tithes and offerings.

Dear ones please remember my unsaved husband in your prayers that God in some way will save him before it is too late, also remember me in your prayers that I may get stronger and do the Lord's will at all times.—Mrs. Jane Rogers.

I AM IN THE BATTLE FOR THE LORD

NASSAU, N. P. Bah.—Dear saints: I can say I am saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost. I want to say I am in the battle for the Lord, and by His grace and power I want to let my light shine wherever I go that the people may see and know that I am a child of God.

We should all be careful during these last days and live a pure and holy life for the One who died for us that we might be saved from sin, sanctified by His precious blood and filled with the Holy Ghost.

I am trusting the Lord for the healing of my body. I truly need your prayers that I may stand true to Jesus.—Your brother in Christ, R. D. E. Bevans.

It Pays To Be Ready

COLEMAN, TEXAS.—I want to sound a note of praise through the Evangel this evening of what the Lord has done for me. I am still praising God, shouting the victory over both sin and the devil. Praise God, He is so good and merciful to me. He has healed many times in our home.

I want to live closer to the Lord than ever before, because we don't know what moment He might come and call for us. It pays to be ready at all times.

Please remember my husband and me that we both will stand true and rear our children for the glory of God.—Mrs. Tom Taylor.

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Brethren this Scripture has been with me more lately than any other I believe, and I feel that God would be pleased with me putting it forth in a message that we might all profit, especially those that have an inclination to be slothful in the business of our King. I'm persuaded that there is lots more slothfulness than God is pleased with. Some may try to interpret this as being financial business or otherwise pertaining to our temporal needs, but we find in the first verse of this same chapter, that the preacher says, brethren, and tells them to present their bodies a living sacrifice, holy acceptable unto God, which is their reasonable service. So I contend that He wants us to wake up along Spiritual lines, or the business of our King.

To The Ministry

Now I'm sure we are all of the opinion that the Lord's work requires haste, and that Jesus is coming soon, if so then we don't want to be slothful in business. I have known of preachers that have said, "Live or die, sink or swim, I'm going thru with God," but soon we see God dealing with them and asking them to go some place where they never have heard the Gospel, or where the saints have been neglected. I hear them sighing, "Oh Lord I can't." Then soon we see that preacher at church where the power of God is working and hear him exclaim, "I thank God that I'm sanctified wholly." Brother if you are sanctified all over, inside and out you would have gone where God said go, and because you did not obey, and came to church and testified falsely, you had better read your death sentence in Revelation 21:8 about all liars. God did not say He would excuse the ministry and punish some one else for lying, did He? But I imagine I hear you saying, "God has not told me to go," yet you will admit that there are more preachers in your home church than are needful, maybe four or five. Brother if this is the case and God has not told you to go to a certain place, it is because you are not in touch with God just right, and you are slothful in business, for if you know not the will of God it is because you have not asked. Jesus says, to ask and you shall receive.

I once knew of a certain church which had five or six preachers, while 8 miles away they had only one part of the time. Both were Churches of God. The preachers would stay home Sunday and Sunday night, shout and have a good time while some one of the laity took charge of the other meeting and possibly just have prayers and testimonies and went home; the congregation went home without hearing the good News, (Gospel) but listen I imagine I can hear those preachers eight miles away telling how they love the Church of God and would give their lives for it, when God is only asking them to give about 50 cents car fare, their body a living sacrifice, and thirty minutes in prayer, in order to bring a message of edification to the starving sheep or lambs that Jesus, the divine head of the Church, told you to feed. St. John 21:17.

Again we possibly hear some remark that they don't know where they are going to work next year; they have not a place, and some Overseer asks them to go to the West or to Maine, they will possibly ask how cold it gets there as you have heard of the severe cold, or perchance they want to know how many members there are and how many pay tithes. Brother get on the altar, Rom. 12:1 "Go Ye." Matt. 28:19, and God will take care of you according to Phil. 4:19.

Then there are others on the battlefield with lots of fever and are doing a wonderful work (seemingly), but did you know that sometimes we can have more zeal than knowledge. It is all right to have plenty of zeal and work hard for the cause, but use caution while working. Here we see after the revival is over, in order to get the Church set in order, the preacher takes in most anything that presents itself for membership, thinking if they are not just exactly right that the pastor can work them over, but brother, when Solomon built the temple, he had the material all shaped before they brought it together into the building. (The type of the Church). Likewise God is building the Church of which the temple is only a type and he wants us, His ministry, to fit the material before we add them to the Church. If a man will not plumb the line to get into the Church, he will not plumb it after he is in, and if you cannot get them in the right shape and they are not gopher wood, then leave them out in the mountains. So after the house is set in order we see the evangelist saying, that God is leading him some place else when there is no pastor to leave with the newly organized church. Brother, I do not believe you if you testify like this for the Church of God, or any other church cannot retain its Spiritual power without a real leader; so

if you set a church in order, stay with it till someone takes your place under the directions of the Holy Ghost. If you don't brother, you have more zeal than knowledge.

Now possibly there are not many like this, but we have seen failings in times past like it, and we need to profit by mistakes and make each stepping stone to perfection for the Church. Again if we as pastors, get an appointment, be man enough to stay with it; if you don't intend to stay, don't accept the charge. I am persuaded that it is not necessary for us to be short of preachers in any part of the field if every one will obey God. Here in Montana I have five public places to preach besides homes and could have more if I could handle them. Then there is the state of Minn. that I was not able to reach the last assembly year. This is not the only field that is neglected, but almost the entire West, also North and East. Come on preachers, let us go over the top and take the Church of God to its rightful place. (In the Top of the Mountain). Glory! I feel enthused about it.

Another thing we can fall in, that will not please God, is failing our foreign missionaries, also Evangel and Orphanage. The preacher that fails to send, or see that the tithes of tithes are sent to Headquarters for the up-keep of the officials there, are not only slothful in business, but are robbing God. Another way that I think we can be slothful in business is by not withdrawing ourselves from every brother that walketh disorderly, for this is Scriptural. If we leave in the Church, those that bring a reproach on the cause, we are holding back the business of the Lord.

To The Laity

You will possibly say by this time, I can say amen to that, for it is just what they need. All right brother, sister, we find the Lord telling Peter in a trance in Acts 10, that He is no respecter of persons, also Eph. 6:9, Gal. 2:6, Col. 3:25. If the ministry cannot escape because they neglect so great salvation, you cannot either, so no use for you to try. Maybe the reason why some of our preachers are inclined to be slothful and are in the factories, on the farms, in the mines, on railroads, or elsewhere is

because you are robbing God, by failing to bring your offerings and your tithes. Some will say, I know it is right to pay tithes, but I have debts etc., and I cannot and at the same time spend more money for chewing gum and candies, etc. than their tithes amount to, when the Scripture asks you the question why spend your money for that which is not bread and your labor for that which satisfieth not? Isa. 55:2.

If you haven't faith enough in God to believe He will supply your needs and keep you from starving, you are not pleasing to God, for without faith it is impossible to please Him. Heb. 11:6. Luke 12:28. Others will say, I would pay tithes but the pastor is living better than I do and I do not see why I should. Thou art envious, oh man! God asks you to bring them to the storehouse and He requires you to do it, if you do not you are called by God a robber. Brother, it is no wonder God's church doesn't prosper as fast as it should, when folks are in the penitentiaries for the same thing that folks are doing in the Church of God, so come on you church members who say you love the Church better than anything else in the world, if you do, act like it by bringing your tithes into the storehouse (instead of acting like you love your wife better, when you give her your tithes to buy a new dress). And if your pastor does not need the tithes and is gopher wood, he will give them to some one that is in need, (in the ministry). If he does not you are free and God will bring him to account for the way he used the money, however, it is not very often the case that the preacher gets more than he needs, for some people think all he needs is something to eat and wear, but if he hasn't a car and cannot get to his appointments, they are ready to say something about it. Brother, who is slothful in business this time?

Moreover you may find fault because the Church is not going to victory like it should, and the preacher's sermons are so dry, when maybe you have said something (that did not come from sanctified lips) about him, and came to Church with a cross spirit and will not pray for him. When the testimony meeting is open you will testify to how you love the Lord and His Church, when you are an instrument of the devil to keep it from going on to victory. You may not be right down in sin, but you have had your feelings sticking out like the legs of a granddaddy, instead of having them where they belong (under the blood) and you are hurt and will not go to church and if you do go, you will not pray for the preacher.

but possibly are seen sitting on your seat, whispering while the others are praying. Brother if this is your case, you are worse than slothful, for you are being used by the enemy to hinder the progress of the Church. You are a not serving the Lord, but Satan. While you are doing this you will have to repent before you can serve the Lord again.

May God help every one that is asleep, to wake up and get busy for the Lord. If you want to do something for the Lord, attend services regularly, for the pastor possibly misses you as you do him. Pray, testify, sing and do your best. If you find you have nothing else to do talk to some one about their soul, take subscriptions for the Evangel, sew for the Orphanage and such like. Come on laity, let us co-operate with the ministry and put the Church back in her former glory, and then some. We can do it. Will you still insist on being slothful in business, or will you be fervent in Spirit, and serve the Lord?

God Never Fails

GARRISON, W. Va.—Dear Evangel readers: I feel led this beautiful Sabbath afternoon to write to the Evangel and try to praise God for what He is to me. I love the little paper with its sweet testimonies, they are uplifting and encouraging to me.

I truly praise God right now for being saved, sanctified and filled with the precious Holy Ghost. Words can never express what Jesus is to me. Truly He is the friend that sticketh closer than a brother.

Recently I got my hand caught in an electric wringer and the thumb was nearly torn off. It seemed that the Lord drew near me in His great loving arms and took every pain away and they never returned. Blessed be the name of our God. My hand is completely well today.

As my hand was healing, almost well, I was taken ill of scarlet fever, and the saints came and prayed for me. The dear Lord touched and rebuked the fever and gave me rest. I am up now and able to do my work. I give the Lord all the honor and glory for His great healing power because I did not put my trust in the doctors. The Lord healed me once when I was unsaved.

Oh! how my heart goes out to Him in love and gratitude this afternoon. I certainly count it a privilege to serve God, the one who will never leave nor forsake us in time of trouble.

I request an interest in your prayers. One who loves Him above everything in the world.—Athol Cowley.

I WANT TO GO ALL THE WAY WITH JESUS

GORGAS, Ala.—I want to thank God through the Evangel for His many blessings, also His healing power. I know He can heal all manner of diseases if we will only believe and not doubt. He will never leave nor forsake us.

I am not a member of the Church of God, but I am a subscriber of the Evangel and love to read the testimonies. It makes me feel like shouting when I read the paper.

I desire an interest in your prayers that my family and I will draw closer to the Lord and that our faith may be increased in Him. I want to go all the way with Jesus no matter where He leads me, I want to follow Him. —Mrs. Bueno Hammer.

This is a Sweet Way

WINNSBORO, S. C.—I am thanking and praising God for His love and mercy to me, and for ever saving, sanctifying and filling me with the Holy Ghost.

As I sit here this morning reading the Evangel it fills my soul with glory to read the sweet testimonies. It makes me want to press on to the end. I love this good way. It is clean and sweet. When I came in this way I said farewell to the world, I am going to follow Jesus.

When I was saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost, someone asked me which Church I was going to unite with. I walked close to God and He led me into the Church of God, and I am glad of this good way right now.

Please remember me dear saints that I will ever be found in the center of the Lord's will and always walk in the light of the Lord.—Daisy Davis.

WE ARE LIVING IN THE LAST DAYS

WINSTON, Ga.—Dear saints: I want to write a few lines to tell what God has done for me. I know I never did do a greater thing in my life than when I gave my heart and life to God. I am really glad I can report victory in my soul right now. I can feel the fire burning. I know that I am saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost and determined by the help of God to pray more and more for the lost people.

My heart is made sad when I think of the lost men and women, boys and girls who are lost and undone without God. I want to say I have given up all worldly pleasure and am following God, and I have no desire to turn back in sin.

I feel that we are living in the last days. Let us be ready at any time the Lord should come. We know that every soul has to face the judgment bar and account for himself. Jesus says He will judge us according to our fruits.

If anyone desires to come here and preach the Gospel we extend to you an invitation. We need laborers here; this is a needy field.—Buford Vollrath.

I FEEL LIKE TRAVELING ON

JAMAICA, B. W. I.—I want to sound a note of praise through the Evangel telling my many dear brethren and sisters that the dear Lord has wonderfully saved me. Praise His dear name. I was once a member of the Congregational Church, but soon I saw the light on the Church of God. Then I began to seek after holiness and the dear Lord, was added to the Church. Now I am shouting the victory.

Today I feel like traveling on because I know there is a better future, and it is only the Church of God the Bride of the Lamb who will be able to go to the Marriage Supper. There is no better place for me than the Church of God. It keeps me from sin and I know I live the life. I know the Lord's grace is sufficient to carry me through to the end.

I ask the dear saints to please remember me in your prayers, and pray for my unsaved husband who wants to be a hindrance to my life.—Mrs. C. Edwards.

I Want to Make The Run Successfully

ARCADIA, S. C.—Greetings in Jesus' dear name. I want to say I am in the way of life, and I am trying to do my best to stay out of the way of sinners and not be a hindrance to them. I want to see every soul saved possible. I want to make the run successfully. I want to live a life that will be the means of bringing precious souls to God.

I ask a special request that each of you who read this please remember my son in your prayers that God will save Him. Please remember me too in your prayers that I might stay in the center of the Lord's will.—M. C. Ward.

Holiness Unto The Lord

Holiness unto the Lord, According to His precious Word: Without this if you should be, Then His dear face you'll fail to see.

Just receive His precious Word, And turn your back upon the world; Be sure dear friends you've paid the price, And do not refuse to live the life.

It means so much to serve the Lord According to His precious Word, And look to Him for all you need, But willingly He will all the blessings speed.

I find great joy in serving the Lord According to His precious Word. He said, "Take up your cross and follow me,"

And if we obey, how happy and glad we'll be.

Seven years ago, I accepted His Word, Was saved from sin and refused the world.

Oh, the great joy that filled my soul, Can never in this world be told.

Now I thank God, He made my pathway bright,

Passing out of darkness into marvelous light,

And was sanctified by the Word of Truth,

Cleansed, made whole and can fully trust.

St. John 14 gives the promise of the Holy Ghost,

Not for a few only, but for the million host,

If you will accept His Word divine, Be saved from sin, from the joy of the world decline.

These will carry you down to an endless hell,

And the woe, trouble and sorrow no one can tell;

But look to God who is able your soul to save

And give you joy unspeakable beyond the grave.

What must I do, what can I say? Just give the Word and kneel and pray,

God help the people to understand; They must live the Word as you command.

The way is paved from earth to Heaven,

No cross-roads or detours, but straight the way is given;

Jesus paid the price and fixed the way,

That joy and gladness we could have today.

It means so much to me to serve the Lord,

Be saved from sin and sanctified according to His Word,

Yes, get the blessed Holy Ghost as in Acts 2:4,

The blessing brings joy, thank the Lord.

And the Church of God, what does it mean?

It means much more than many have seen.

Just study the Word, God turn on the light,

And show you His Church and make the way bright.

Then trust your bodies in the hands of the Lord

Oh dear, this means something, but it is the Word.

He said He would heal all sickness and diseases

And when you get the blessing, it becomes easy.

Then here are the tithes, this many people fight,

But you must pay them if you live right;

Just give the tenth of your income unto the Lord,

Get the blessing, live the life be ready according to His Word.

Wait a few minutes, let me speak of our paper,

The Evangel, which comes every Saturday, or two later;

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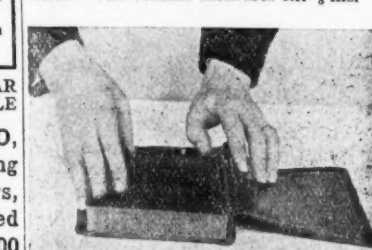
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